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GENEVA FOR WISNER

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, RH, UK

SUBJECT: BRITISH PRESS ON GENEVA TALKS, DECEMBER 8

1. PRESS COVERAGE OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE IS LIGHT
BUT CONTRADICTORY.

2. TIMES CORRESPONDENT MICHAEL KNIPE IN SALISBURY: "MR.
IAN SMITH...GAVE THE IMPRESSION (YESTERDAY), BEFORE
FLYING BACK TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE..., THAT HE MIGHT
BE PREPARED TO SOFTEN SOMEWHAT HIS HARDLINE INSISTENCE
THAT THERE COULD BE NO DEVIATION FROM THE ANGLO-
AMERICAN PLAN FOR INDEPENDENCE, DEVISED BY DR. KISSINGER.
... SIGNIFICANTLY, AND IN CONTRAST TO HIS EARLIER
STANDS, HE HEDGED WHEN ASKED WHETHER HIS POSITION WAS
STILL THAT THE KISSINGER PLAN WAS NON-NEGOTIABLE."

3. DAILY TELEGRAPH CORRESPONDENT DAVID ADAMSON IN
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GENEVA: "IF, AS EXPECTED, (SMITH) STICKS TO THE 'ANGLO-

AMERICAN PROPOSALS', THE BIGGEST AND MOST DANGEROUS CON-
FRONTATION SO FAR AT THE CONFERENCE IS LIKELY."

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